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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated November 24, 2006, please amend the aboveidentified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.